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FCC AND CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC., ENTER INTO \$1.75 MILLION CONSENT DECREE CONCERNING INDECENCY RESTRICTIONS

Washington, D.C. - Today, the FCC entered into a \$1.75 million Consent Decree with Clear Channel Communications, Inc., and its subsidiaries (Clear Channel) to resolve investigations into whether Clear Channel stations had broadcast obscene, indecent, or profane material in violation of the Communications Act and Commission rules. As part of the agreement, Clear Channel admits that some of the material it broadcast was indecent, in violation of 47 C.F.R. § 73.3999. In addition to the \$1.75 million payment to the U.S. Treasury, Clear Channel has also committed to implementing a company-wide Compliance Plan aimed at preventing future violations.

The Consent Decree resolves all pending Notices of Apparent Liability, Enforcement Bureau investigations, and third-party complaints against Clear Channel for possible violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1464 and 47 C.F.R. § 73.3999. The pending Notices of Apparent Liability covered by the Consent Decree are a \$247,500 NAL released March 12, 2004, a \$55,000 NAL released March 18, 2004, and a \$495,000 NAL released April 8, 2004.

Action by the Commission, June 4, 2004, Order (FCC 04-128). Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy and Martin. Chairman Powell issuing a statement. Commissioner Copps dissenting and issuing a statement. Commissioner Adelstein approving in part, dissenting in part, and issuing a statement.

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